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May 24, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

I'm writing today to urge your support for the proposed AT&T merger with T-Mobile. As a member of the County Board of Commissioners for Blue Earth County in Minnesota, my goal is to continually seek out ways to ensure that our County remains a vibrant place to live and work.

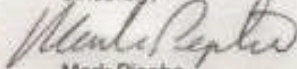
One of the most important aspects of a healthy and prosperous county is technology infrastructure. Simply put, our communities need high speed access to education, healthcare and jobs – all things that are made easier with access to reliable broadband. This merger would help facilitate these needs with an ultra-fast mobile broadband network that would reach more than 1.2 million additional people in Minnesota and cover more than 98 percent of the state's population.

Blue Earth County is located in the heart of southern Minnesota, 75 miles southwest of Minneapolis-St. Paul, and includes 23 townships and 11 cities. Our County seat, the City of Mankato, is a regional retail, manufacturing, and trade center that provides services to a population of 221,985 within the surrounding counties of Brown, Faribault, Martin, LeSueur, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan (Region Nine).

Our County is growing and has unlimited potential. But we cannot wait for another opportunity like this to pass us by. We're asking for your support and create more access to resources and wireless technologies for our communities to enable us to reach our full economic potential and continue to provide an excellent educational system, quality health care and efficient public services for our residents.

Always a dynamic area, Greater Mankato has grown steadily into a thriving regional center. This merger would enable us to continue on that growth trajectory and create jobs in our communities. We urge you to support the AT&T merger with T-Mobile and support economic development in Blue Earth County and across Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Mark Piepho

Vice Chair – Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners

  
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